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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2005, in which the Examiner has asserted that the application contains claims that are directed to various patentably distinct species and subspecies. The restriction requirement requires the applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits, and also to elect: (1) one wheel assembly subspecies from group (a); (2) one aligning mechanism subspecies from group (b); and (3) one locking mechanism subspecies from group (c).

Applicants hereby elect Species "a" to pursue in the present application. Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 1-72 cover, for example, the concept of Species "a" (e.g., certain embodiments of the invention include a themed wheel assembly having a rotating wheel cover).

Applicants further elect the following subspecies: (a)(i); (b)(i); and (c)(i).

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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